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Supplemental Amendment A: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please see the attached Substitute Specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 152, 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125. The clean copy is presented for the convenience of the Examiner. No new matter has been added to the specification.

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Revise Paragraphs [0041]-[0044] on pages 10 and 11 as follows:

[0041] Importantly, in the present invention, a rigid ring 58 is positioned within the tubular section 60 of the encapsulation 56. The rigid ring 58 will have an end flush with the end 71 of the tubular section 60. An opposite end of the rigid ring 58 will be adjacent to the end surface 54 of the anchor member 52. The encapsulation 56 is injection molded over the outer surface of the rigid ring 58 so as to secure the rigid ring 58 in liquid-tight relationship within the tubular section 60.

[0042] A notch 66 is adjacent to the end of the rigid ring 58 and the end 71 of tubular section 60.

[0043] As can be seen in FIGURE 2, the cap 62 has a generally tubular portion 76 having a closed end 78 and an open end 80. The flanged portion 64 extends outwardly adjacent to the open end 80. As can be see, the flanged end 64 has an outer periphery that is engaged within the notch 66 formed in the rigid ring 58. An elastomeric seal 82 is positioned within a grooves formed on the flanged end 64 of the cap 62 so as to establish a liquid-tight sealing relationship with the inner wall of the rigid ring 58.

[0044] As can be seen in FIGURE 2, the engagement of the outer periphery of the flanged end 64 of cap 62 within the notch 66 establishes a positive connection between the cap 62 and the tubular section 60 of the encapsulation 56. The cap 62 is positioned in the manner shown in FIGURE 2, the cap 62 will be rigidly and permanently secured within the open end 71 of the tubular section 60. At this time, the O-ring elastomeric seal 82 will also establish a positive liquid-tight connection between the cap 62 and the inner wall of the ring 58. As a result, the present invention avoids any possible dislodgement of the cap 62 after installation.